

DOUBLE SHEET.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

INTERESTING CONGRESSIONAL BUSINESS.

Debate in the Senate on the California Land Bill.

THE HOUSE AT WORK ON THE DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION BILL.

Discussion Relative to the Tariff.

Proceedings in the New York Legislature.

THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

Senate.

BY MORSE'S MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

OFFICE: CORNER OF BAY AND HANOVER STREETS.

THE PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, Jan. 28, 1881.

Mr. CLAY presented two petitions from Pittsburgh and Uniontown, Pa., complaining of the operations of the tariff of 1880, and representing the suffering interests of iron, coal, glass, cotton, and woollen, by the ad valorem, instead of the specific duties.

Mr. HAMLIN presented two petitions from Maine, for the repeal of the Fugitive Slave Law. Tabled.

Mr. HUNTER, from the Finance Committee, reported back the bill for the appointment of appraisers at large, with an amendment.

THE PATENT OFFICE.

Mr. WALKER offered a resolution calling on the Commissioner of Patents to report whether the present Patent Office building is not sufficient for the business of the office, if the national archives be removed from the upper story.

After debate, the resolution was addressed to the Secretary of the Interior instead of the Commissioner of Patents, and adopted.

THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTION.

Mr. WALKER's resolution, calling on the regents of the Smithsonian Institution to report whether they have removed the curiosities from the Patent Office building, was laid over.

THE ARRIVAL OF AN AMERICAN VESSEL IN OREGON BY THE BRITISH.

Mr. GWIN offered a resolution, calling for the correspondence between the United States and the British authorities, relative to the seizure of a vessel at Astoria, Oregon. Adopted.

CURRENCY IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Mr. BACON, from the Finance Committee, reported inquiry whether any persons or corporations in the District of Columbia undertake to issue bank notes not payable in gold or silver, or whether such issues are according to law. Adopted.

DISCIPLINE IN THE NAVY.

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NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

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Senate.

ALBANY, Jan. 28, 1881.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By citizens of Schenectady, for par redemption of country bank notes in the city of New York; or, for warders on the Champlain canal, that tolls may be imposed on railroads running both sides of said canal.

Mr. GORDON, from the Railroad Committee, made a report on the subject of bridging Lake Champlain, at Rouses Point. The report is adverse to granting authority to build the bridge.

Mr. DART, of the same committee, submitted a report favorable to allowing the bridge to be built.

Mr. ORRIS, from the Committee on Railways, made a report adverse to the bridge, but for different reasons from those advanced by the chairman.

Mr. DART had introduced a bill to direct the erection of the bridge; and the Senate adjourned.

Assembly.

ALBANY, Jan. 28, 1881.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

For the abolition of Normal schools. For the equalization of taxation. For the repeal of the law for the registry of births and marriages. Of citizens of New York, for the passage of a law for land limitations and homestead exemptions.

Amending the law incorporating the Manhattan Steamship Company.

REPORT OF THE CANAL FUND COMMISSIONERS.

A communication was received from the Lieutenant Governor and the Attorney General, protesting against the reception of the report of the act for the report of the Canal Fund, and asking that it be returned to the Commissioners of the Canal Fund, in order that the report of the Canal Fund may be transmitted to the Legislature.

Mr. WHEELER, of Franklin, moved for the communication on the table. Carried—aye 65, nays 24.

The seventeenth annual report of the Bowers Savings Bank was received.

THE SENATE SENT FOR THE CONCURRENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY.

The bill incorporating a national law school at Ballston. Referred.

By Mr. TOWNSEND, to amend the charter of the St. Luke's Hospital, New York. By Mr. GREEN, for an amendment of the law relating to the act for the more effectual prevention of fires in the city of New York.

By Mr. LYON, for the disposal of the public lands in sixty-acre lots, and allotting to them actual settlers.

Mr. ANTHONY, of Richmond, called for the resolutions on the Compromise, offered by Mr. Underwood, of Cayuga.

The House refused, by a decisive vote, to consider the same.

WILLIAMSBURG.

The bill, incorporating the city of Williamsburg, was referred to the Kings county delegation to report complete.

The Assembly then adjourned.

The Canadian Postal Laws.

TORONTO, CANADA, Jan. 28, 1881.

Dispatches have been received from England, commencing the receipt of the imperial government to the new Canadian Postal Laws. A uniform rate of five cents throughout the British American provinces will be adopted.

The Murder and Suicide at Penfield.

ROCHESTER, Jan. 28, 1881.

Croner Pullis held an inquest upon the bodies of Miss Sarah Sharp and John Everett, yesterday, in Penfield. Everett was a brother-in-law of Miss Sharp, and had for several years illicit intercourse with her. A man by the name of Chas. Edwards had lately become intimate with Miss Sharp, which created a jealousy on the part of Everett, who contemplated destruction.

On the evening of the murder, he sharpened up a jack knife, and proceeded to the residence of Mr. Campbell, where Miss Sharp was. Edwards was also at Campbell's house. Everett lurked about the house, outside.

About 10 o'clock, the two men went to bed, but a minute after a scream was heard, when Campbell and Edwards went out, and found Miss Sharp's throat severed from ear to ear, and Everett in the same condition. Everett was about forty years of age, and Miss Sharp about thirty. The following communication was found in Everett's pocket, by which it seems that he contemplated his own destruction: "My God, Sarah! could I ever believe, unless I had seen with my own eyes! Never did I think of seeing you lying dead on the floor! You told me my life was yours, and I have promised me so much. My God! Sarah! I had rather be dead twice! I will drive me mad! You don't know my feelings. I see every shadow—I see where you parted—I see that kiss. You made me feelings mad, and for this I die!"

Election in Wheeling—Railroad Loan.

WHEELING, W. VA., Jan. 28, 1881.

The charter election in this city went off quietly, and resulted in the re-election of Alfred Caldwell, Mayor, by 651 majority over Fingle. There was also a majority of 559 for a subscription, by the city, of \$200,000 to the Central Ohio Railroad stock.

Death of a New York Merchant.

NORWALK, CT., Jan. 28, 1881.

S. M. Stevens, Esq., an extensive dealer in French goods in New York, expired at his residence in this place, last evening.

Metereological Observations.

BY MORSE'S TELEGRAPH—OFFICE 16 WALL STREET.

BUFFALO, Jan. 28—9 A. M.

Pleasant though cloudy, with indications of snow. Wind light. Thermometer 59; barometer 29.20, and falling.

6 P. M.—It commenced raining about 2 P. M., and continued ever since. The wind changed about 10 o'clock to the south, where it now is. Thermometer 41 above; barometer 29.25 and falling. The Hendrick Hudson sailed at noon for Detroit.

Wind south; cloudy and chilly. Thermometer 30. Appearance of rain.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28—9 A. M.

Cool, cloudy and unpleasant. Strong wind from the south. Thermometer 31.

8 P. M.—It has been raining quite hard all the evening. Strong wind from the southwest. Thermometer 26.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 28—9 A. M.

A cold and stormy morning, with a piercing cold wind. Snow falling rapidly. Thermometer 20; barometer 29.70.

8 P. M.—Cloudy and cold. Have had a very unpleasant day. Has not stormed much since morning. Thermometer 24; barometer falling.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28—9 A. M.

Cloudy all night and commenced snowing about seven o'clock. Now snowing fast. Wind east. Thermometer 31.

8 P. M.—Cloudy and looks like snow. Wind south. Thermometer 33; barometer 29.20.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28—9 A. M.

Cloudy and cold, and snowing fast. Wind east, but very light. Thermometer 30.

8 P. M.—Very little change since this morning. Snowed slightly all day. Wind northeast. Thermometer 30.

MONTEAL, Jan. 28—9 A. M.

Thermometer at zero; barometer 30.30, and rising. Snowing moderately.

8 P. M.—Furious snow storm now raging. Wind southwest. Thermometer 24; barometer 29.60 and falling.